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IN THE CLAIMS

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A vehicle door comprising:

an interior shell and an exterior shell defining an interior space;

a frame structure disposed in the interior space, the frame structure forming a U-shaped structure provided with at least one guide element for a window regulator arrangement, wherein said U-shaped structure comprises a profile bar which supports and reinforces said vehicle door;

a window pane; and

at least one coupling member disposed in said at least one guide element in the frame structure and arranged to hold the window pane apart from said frame structure such that an exterior surface of the window pane is laterally aligned with an exterior surface of the profile bar.

13. (Previously Presented) The vehicle door, in accordance with claim 12, wherein said U-shaped structure is provided with a motor.

14. (Previously Presented) The vehicle door, in accordance with claim 13, wherein said window regulator arrangement includes drive cables which are received in said at least one guide element and extend from said motor to the window pane.

15. (Previously Presented) The vehicle door, in accordance with claim 14, wherein said at least one coupling member connects said drive cables to said window pane.

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16. (Previously Presented) The vehicle door, in accordance with claim 12, wherein said at least one coupling member is glued to said window pane.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The vehicle door, in accordance with claim 12, wherein said profile bar includes a plurality of parallel guide elements.

19. (Previously Presented) The vehicle door in accordance with claim 12, wherein the window pane moves vertically and laterally, said window pane being aligned with said exterior shell when in a closed position.

20. (Currently Amended) The vehicle door, in accordance with claim 12, wherein said profile bar is made of ~~aluminium~~ aluminum.

21. (Previously Presented) The vehicle door, in accordance with claim 12, wherein said frame structure is flanked on both an inner surface and an outer surface by said interior shell and said exterior shell, respectively.

22. (Previously Presented) The vehicle door, in accordance with claim 12, wherein lateral surfaces of said frame structure are covered by at least one of said interior shell and said exterior shell.

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23. (Currently Amended) A vehicle door comprising:

an interior shell and an exterior shell defining an interior space;

a frame structure disposed in the interior space, the frame structure forming a U-shaped structure provided with at least one guide element for receiving a drive element driven by a window regulator arrangement and at least one edge guide element, wherein said at least one guide element and the at least one edge guide element form a continuous recess and are disposed substantially in a single plane in the frame structure, wherein said U-shaped structure comprises a profile bar which supports and reinforces said vehicle door;

a window pane, wherein an edge of the window pane is received in the at least one edge guide element such that the drive element and the edge of the window pane are disposed substantially in the single plane; and

a coupling member disposed in the continuous recess formed by said at least one guide element and said at least one edge guide element.

24. (Currently Amended) A window frame for a vehicle door, comprising:

a frame structure which forms a U-shaped structure provided with at least one guide element for a window regulator arrangement, wherein said U-shaped structure comprises a profile bar acting as a vehicle door support and reinforcement; and

at least one coupling member disposed in said at least one guide element and arranged to hold a window pane apart from said frame structure such that an exterior surface of the window pane is laterally aligned with an exterior surface of the profile bar.

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25. (Previously Presented) The window frame of claim 24, wherein said U-shaped structure is provided with a motor.

26. (Previously Presented) The window frame of claim 25, wherein said window regulator arrangement includes drive cables which are received in said at least one guide element and extend from said motor to a window pane.

27. (Previously Presented) The window frame of claims 26, wherein the drive cables are connected to said at least one coupling member.

28. (Previously Presented) The window frame of claim 24, wherein said profile bar includes a plurality of parallel guide elements.

29. (Currently Amended) The window frame of claim 24, wherein said profile bar is made of ~~aluminium~~aluminum.

30. (Currently Amended) A window frame for a vehicle door, comprising:
a frame structure which forms a U-shaped structure provided with at least one guide element for receiving a drive cable for a window regulator arrangement and at least one edge guide element, wherein said at least one guide element and the at least one edge guide element form a

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continuous recess and are disposed substantially in a single plane in the frame structure, wherein said U-shaped structure comprises a profile bar which supports and reinforces said vehicle door;

a coupling member disposed in the continuous recess formed by said at least one guide element and said at least one edge guide element such that said drive cable and said coupling member are disposed substantially in the single plane in the frame structure.

31. (New) The vehicle door, in accordance with claim 19, wherein the window pane is movable vertically between open and closed positions and wherein the window pane is movable in a lateral direction by lateral swiveling of the at least one coupling member to move the window pane out of alignment with the exterior shell and allow the window pane to be lowered into the interior space.

32. (New) The window frame of claim 24, wherein the exterior surface of the window pane and the exterior surface of the profile bar are generally coplanar.